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REF: GABORONE 376

1. IN COMPLIANCE REFTTEL, TEXT OF PLEDGE LETTER TRANSMITTED
PARA 2 BELOW. EMBASSY WILL NOTE PLEDGE LETTER AND ITS
ACCEPTANCE BY DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER CONSTITUTE FORMAL
AGREEMENT.

2. QUOTE: FEBRUARY 7, 1977
HIS EXCELLENCY
SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN
UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR REFUGEES
PALAIS DES NATIONS
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

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DEAR MR. HIGH COMMISSIONER:
I REFER TO PREVIOUS EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUR STAFFS CONCERN-
ING A PROPOSED GRANT OF \$1 MILLION FROM THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT FOR ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
TO BE ADMINISTERED BY YOUR OFFICE, AND IN PARTICULAR, TO
THE DISTRIBUTION WHICH UNHCR PROPOSED IN A SCHEDULE DATED
JAN 20, 1977.

THIS LATTER SCHEDULE WHICH WAS FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON HAS BEEN APPROVED BY MY GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL TERMS. WE DO CONSIDER, HOWEVER, THAT UNHCR SHOULD MAKE PROVISIONS FOR ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES IN BOTSWANA AND THAT, UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR CABINDAN REFUGEES, THERE SHOULD BE PROVISIONAL ALLOWANCES MADE FOR WHAT MIGHT BE SUBSTANTIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH REFUGEES IN THE TSHELA REGION OF ZAIRE.

IN MAKING AVAILABLE THIS GRANT OF \$1 MILLION IN PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR APPEAL, WHICH IS PLEDGED HEREWITH, WE WOULD OBSERVE THAT THIS ACTION IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR POLICY OF PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL PROJECTS AND OF INTERNATIONALIZING REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WHEREVER POSSIBLE THROUGH THE UNHCR AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS, THEREFORE, OUR HOPE THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWING NEED FOR ASSISTANCE OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES CITED IN THE UNHCR APPEALS.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE MAGNITUDE AND TIMING OF THE NEEDS FOR THE LARGE AND GROWING REFUGEE POPULATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS STILL FAR FROM CLEAR. THEREFORE, WHILE WE WOULD HOPE THAT UNHCR MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO THESE NEEDS AND HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO MEET THEM, WE DO NOT WISH TO REDUCE UNHCR FLEXIBILITY BY EARMARKING ALL OF OUR PRESENT CONTRIBUTION TO THIS PROGRAM. WE WOULD WISH, HOWEVER, TO STIPULATE THAT \$36,000 OF THIS CONTRIBUTION BE DIRECTED TOWARD ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEANS IN BOTSWANA. OUR EMBASSY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN GABORONE HAS ESTIMATED THAT THIS SUM WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR SUBSISTENCE SUPPORT OF THE ZIMBABWEANS IN FRANCISTOWN FOR A 6-MONTH PERIOD. WE ASSUME THAT YOUR OFFICE WOULD HAVE NO LEGAL PROBLEM IN MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT FROM THE FUNDS NOW PROVIDED, WHICH WOULD ASSURE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT UNHCR WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE AMPLE PROVISION TO MEET THIS PROBLEM ON A CONTINUING BASIS.

WITH THE FOREGOING STIPULATIONS, WE FIND THE SCHEDULE SET FORTH IN UNHCR'S STATEMENT OF GENERAL INTENT FOR THE DISPOSITION OF THESE FUNDS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEES TO BE QUITE SATISFACTORY. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO CONFIRM TO YOU MY GOVERNMENT'S PLEDGE OF \$1 MILLION FOR THIS PURPOSE. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, COULD THIS BE INDICATED IN THE CUSTOMARY MANNER BY YOUR SIGNATURE OR THAT OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE BELOW AND RETURN OF THIS LETTER TO ME.

WITH ALL BEST WISHES, SINCERELY YOURS,
HENRY E. CATTO, JR., AMBASSADOR

SIGNED BY: CHARLES H. MACE
(UNHCR) DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER
DATE: 10 FEBRUARY 1977 UNQUOTE. CATTO

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